

## New York City Municipal Archives

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### NYC MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES WEBSITES

1. Collection Guides: <https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov>
2. Historical Vital Records: <https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/search>
3. Digital Collections: <https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com>
4. For the Record Blog: <https://www.archives.nyc/blog>

Goodwin, Aaron, *New York City Municipal Archives: A Guide for Family Historians, Enhanced Edition* (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2025).

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/new-york-city-municipal-archives-guide-family-historians-enhanced-edition>

### NYC VITAL RECORDS

Goodwin: Chapter 1

#### Guide and Index links

Please also see the NYG&B guide to vital record here:

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/new-york-birth-marriage-death-vital-records> This guide provides links to various indexes helpful in finding certificate numbers

See also the recorded session on using the Historical Vital Records site, “Finding New York City Ancestors’ Vital Records: 1800s–Early-Mid 1900s,”

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/video/finding-new-york-city-ancestors-vital-records-1800s-early-mid-1900s>.

### OTHER COLLECTIONS

#### Coroner and Chief Medical Examiner Records

1823–1955

Goodwin: Chapter 2

#### Bodies in Transit Records

1859–1894

Goodwin: Chapter 4

Images: <https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com/burial-transit-registers-bodies-in-transit>

Indexes: Indexes at the German Genealogy Group

<https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/records-search/Bodies-in-Transit.php>

Ancestry: New York, New York, Bodies in Transit

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62040>

**Almshouse Collection**

1758–1953

595 volumes

Goodwin: Chapter 6

Partial Index:

Ancestry: New York, New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62048>

Collection Guide and Digital Images:

<https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com/almshouse-ledger-collection>

**Assessed Valuation of Real Estate**

1699–1979

Goodwin: Chapter 7

**Department of Buildings**

1866–1970s

Goodwin: Chapter 8

**Property Cards**

1939–1990s

Goodwin: Chapter 9

Onsite or order online: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/records/historical-records/order-new.page>

ACRIS: <https://a836-pts-access.nyc.gov/care/forms/htmlframe.aspx?mode=content/home.htm>

Collection Guide: <https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/90>

**Farm Histories**

Goodwin: Chapter 10

Chapter lists the farm names.

Collection Guide: <https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/110>

**New Amsterdam Records of the Dutch Colonial Era**

1642–1674

Goodwin: Chapter 11

Collection Guide: <https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/25>

Images: <https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com/new-amsterdam-records>

## Common Council/City Council Records

1675–1977

Goodwin: Chapter 12

Collection Guide, Record Group 14:

<https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/classifications#recordrow-rg014>

## Court Records

1683/4–1987

Goodwin: Chapter 13

Multiple record groups, multiple courts.

New York County District Attorney records of cases: <https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/117>

Court of General Sessions: <https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/111>

## Old Town Records

1644–1898

Goodwin: Chapter 14

Collection Guide: <https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/61>

Some digital images: <https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com/old-town-records>

## Censuses

1816, 1819, 1821, and 1890

Goodwin: Chapter 16

1816 and 1819 jury and 1821 electoral censuses:

<https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/21>

Images: <https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com/new-york-county-jury-census-records>

1890 Collection Guide:

<https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/resources/101>

Images: [https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/SO\\_813511e6-f171-4e16-b00e-5938e92e160c/](https://nycrecords.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/SO_813511e6-f171-4e16-b00e-5938e92e160c/)

## City Employee Records

Goodwin: Chapter 17

Search by agency (e.g., Police Department)

Green Books online: <https://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite>

## Manhattan Voter Registers and AD Maps, 1912, 1915–1956 (1920–1925 Missing)

1912–1956

Ancestry collection: Manhattan, New York, New York, U.S., Voter Registers, 1915-1956

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62363>

Goodwin: Chapter 21: “Other voter registration records and maps of election and assembly districts remain unprocessed, including a 400 cubic foot collection.”